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In the Matter of e.spire Communications, Inc.,
f/k/a American Communications Services, Inc.,
ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc., d/b/a
e.spire and American Communication Services o
of Pima County, Inc. d/b/a e.spire

Complainants,

v.

Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S West
Communications, Inc.,

Respondents.

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Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and e.spire Communications, Inc. and its Arizona operating subsidiaries, ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc., d/b/a e.spire and American Communication Services of Pima County, Inc., d/b/a/ e.spire (collectively, "e.spire") stipulate to an extension of time for Qwest to file its Answer in the above-titled proceeding until November 25, 2002. e.spire and Qwest currently are engaged in negotiations to resolve this complaint proceeding.

Both companies believe that this extension may facilitate an orderly resolution of this proceeding through settlement, as well as efficient use of Commission resources, without limiting the substantive rights of the parties regarding this matter.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the parties request that the Commission enter an order granting Qwest an extension of time until November 25, 2002 to file its Answer in this proceeding.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 12TH day of November, 2002

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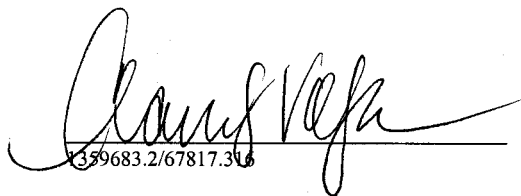
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